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SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLEMENTS IS REPORTED IN THE PRESS TO HAVE TOLD NEWSMEN SEPT 18 IN TOKYO THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE BUILD-UP IN SOUTH VIETNAM NORTH OF SAIGON PRESENTS A VERY SERIOUS THREAT TO THE CAPITAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. STORY HEARD ON VOA AND RADIO AUSTRALIA AND PRINTED IN VIETNAMESE PRESS OF SEPTEMBER 19.

2. ON MORNING OF SEP 18 CHIEF ARVN SPOKESMAN REFERRING TO DEPT SECRETARY'S STATEMENT SAID SOUTH VIETNAM HIGH COMMAND IS WELL AWARE OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES NORTH OF SAIGON WHERE COMMUNIST 7TH AND 9TH DIVISIONS ARE OPERATING WITH INCREASED STRENGTH. " OF COURSE THIS IS A SERIOUS AND BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT " HE SAID. RESPONDING TO THE QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER THE BUILD UP REPRESENTED A THREAT TO SAIGON, SPOKESMAN SAID IT DOES NOT DIRECTLY THREATEN THE CAPITAL BUT THAT IT IS AN INDIRECT MENACE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ASKED US FOR TRANSCRIPT OF DEPT SEC CLEMENTS REMARKS. WOULD APPRECIATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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